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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Mitch Gillespie, Co-Chair, Environmental Review Commission
The Honorable Ruth Samuelson, Co-Chair, Environmental Review Commission
The Honorable David Rouzer, Chair, Environmental Review Commission

FROM: Kari Barsness *KKB*
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SUBJECT: Annual Mining Permit Fee Use Report

G. S. 74.54.1 (c) of The Mining Act of 1971 requires the Department of Environment and Natural Resources to report annually to the Environmental Review Commission on the mining permit fees collected and used in implementing the state's mining program.

Attached is this year's report. If you have any questions, please contact me by phone at (919) 715-4189 or via e-mail at Kari.Barsness@ncdenr.gov.

Cc. Ms. Robin Smith, Assistant Secretary, Environmental Protection
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MINING PERMITTING PROGRAM

1. Monies Collected

Total fee monies of \$228,882 were collected during fiscal year 2010-2011.

2. Monies Expended

<u>Salaries and Benefits</u>	\$286,704
<u>Purchased Services</u>	\$10,630
<u>Supplies</u>	\$152
<u>Property, Plant & Equipment</u>	\$0
<u>Other Expenses & Adjustments</u>	\$27,179
<u>Intragovernmental Transfers</u>	\$2,228
<u>Total</u>	\$326,893

The mining permitting fees are used to fund and support positions to assist with mine permitting and compliance activities. The fees currently fund an assistant mining specialist position to assist in application review and permit issuance in the Central Office, two mining specialist field positions for compliance activities, one in the Washington Regional Office and one Asheville Regional Office. Additionally, the fees fund 50% of a mining specialist position in the Winston-Salem Regional Office.